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Dear Harold,

Hope you are feeling well. Enclosed find clippings on various topics of interest.
Can you comment on the LBJ clippings and what you know that LBJ may have told Sen. Russell in confidence regarding the commission.

The L Smith article on MLK is interesting to me. In it Smith makes reference to an investigator named Renfro T. Hays who died home less and broke. Can you tell me anything about Renfro Hays?

I've also sent an article from George magazine JFK Jr's magazine about the Frank Olsen CIA case. Can you tell me anything updated about the Olsen case? That whole 10/97 issue of George was devoted to the history of the CIA due to the 50th anniversary of the CIA. You may want to pick up this issue of George for your records.

Just finished watching a four and a half hour American Experience on PBS on the life of Harry Truman. Found the show and Truman's life fascinating. Can you give me your opinion on Truman the man and President. On where you feel he belongs in history. I've always wondered since Truman dropped the atomic bomb on Japan on how Truman would've handled the Cuban Missle crisis. I've wondered on how Nixon would've handled the Missle Crisis also. Do you have any thoughts on this? I do feel that Truman was absolutely right on dropping the Atomic bomb on Japan. This docu on Truman was excellent though.

Well I won't keep you any longer. Looks like my baby daughter will have to have surgery in her ears as she is constantly getting ear infections and the fluid doesn't drain from the left ear. Will have the surgeon who operated on my wife operate on my daughter. He will install drain tubes in her ears to help drain the fluid. Have been busy working on my house as I'm installing a brand new bathroom on the first floor. Tore the old bathroom out down to the framing studs and will make a new one from soup to nuts. The kitchen will then be torn out and redone. Did you ever find a painter to do the outside of your house? If so how did it turn out?

Stay well and enjoy the clippings.

Scott Wil